

## Open Court Reading - Big Book - Our Neighborhood at Work

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Edition - 1st

Grade Level P2 - 1st Grade

Readability Level

Course / Content Reading

List Price: 82.6

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Content	The Our Neighborhood At Work Big Book provides the core literature for the theme. Designed for shared reading experiences, Big Books provide children the opportunity to learn about literature, build background knowledge, develop vocabulary, and introduce comprehension strategies and skills. Big Books give the children the opportunity to apply their knowledge of book concepts and conventions of print.
Student Experiences	Students will learn comprehension strategies through teacher models in the first reading of a Big Book selection. Students are encouraged to ask questions, make predictions, and retell stories. During the second reading, the class will focus on comprehension skills. Through discussion, students will connect new information to what they already know about the theme. Students will develop and expand their vocabularies through introduction to new words and meaning, building on words that they already know.
Assessment	Continuous assessment provides a variety of useful techniques and opportunities to assess students, both informally and formally. Informal assessments include Rubrics, corresponding with specific skill masteries following the Lesson Planner pages within the Teacher Edition. Formal assessments are done periodically to offer teachers the opportunity to gauge progress on multiple skills. In the Program Assessment book, a Pretest at the beginning of the year guides and informs instruction, and a Midyear Test and Posttest give teachers an opportunity to monitor students' progress. Unit Assessments monitor students' understanding of phonics, comprehension, and language arts. Diagnostic Assessment provides more focus assessment opportunities to aid in individualizing instruction. Test Preparation and Practice Workbooks help teachers prepare their students for standardized tests, such as Terra Nova, SAT/9, and ITBS.
Organization	Used in large-group instruction, Big Books contain multiple literature selections and fine arts for shared reading experiences and teacher modeling. There is one Big Book for the theme.
Resource Materials	Little Books are Big Books in a smaller format for individual student use. Teacher Read Alouds are sets of trade books used for theme/unit introduction. Diagnostic Assessment provides focused assessment opportunities to aid in individualizing instruction.
Gratis Items to be provided and under what conditions	
Available Ancillary Materials	Teacher Editions provide the information necessary for teaching systematic, explicit skills instruction centered around quality literature selections. There are ten thematic units. Six Big Books develop print awareness and familiarize students with reading.

### Research Data and Evidence of Effectiveness

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Research Available

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### Overall Strength and/or Weaknesses

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Recommendations:      This material was reviewed as part of the Open Court Reading Program Set. It is recommended that the Open Court Reading Program be included on the Kentucky State Textbook Adoption List.

### Summary Form

I.	Technology Component Summary	2.000.00
	Professional development lesson demonstrations for teachers are available on DVDs, VHS tapes and online. Student books are recorded on cassette tapes and CDs. Online student assessment available.	
I.	Reading Content Summary	2
	Good variety of selections that are well organized and developmentally appropriate.	
II.	Writing Content Summary	2.00
	Elements of good writing embedded in this program!	
III.	Grammar and Spelling Content Summary	1.92
	Students are given many opportunities for grammar, spelling and handwriting practice and review. Could not find an electronic dictionary.	
IV.	Listening /Speaking / Observing Content Summary	2.00
	Excellent integration.	
V.	Inquiry Content Summary	2.00
	Inquiry connections and investigations are included throughout this program.	
VI.	Technology Content Summary	
	Student texts are recorded on cassette tapes as well as CDs. There are some interactive student reading games.	
VII.	Audience: Teacher Materials Content Summary	2.00
	Easy to follow format that includes many teaching suggestions. Connections are made and background professional development information is available.	
VIII.	Audience: Student Materials Content Summary	2.00
	Very colorful student texts that include a good variety of different types of literature and student activities.	
IX.	Format Content Summary	2.00
	Easy to read student texts and teacher materials. All color coordinated at each level.	
X.	Ancillary Materials Content Summary	2.00
	Abundant ancillary materials.	

### READING CONTENT

### WRITING CONTENT

### GRAMMAR AND SPELLING

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**LISTENING / SPEAKING / OBSERVING**

**INQUIRY**

**TECHNOLOGY CONTENT**

**AUDIENCE: TEACHER MATERIALS**

**AUDIENCE: STUDENT MATERIALS**

**FORMAT**

**ANCILLARY MATERIALS**